

## KILLING OF BROKER MYSTIFIES POLICE

Los Angeles Man Shot From Ambush—Accompanied by Famous Beauty.

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, August 6.—John B. Kennedy, a young insurance broker, was shot to death from ambush last night in a suburb while searching for a "lucky penny" in company with Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, a young divorcee of Evanston, Ill., and, despite a day's work on the case, the police tonight confessed themselves baffled by the mystery.

The young man had arrived in front of his bungalow in Beverly Glen, and at her suggestion, she told the police, the two began to search for the "lucky penny" she said she had buried near the front gate some time previously.

While they were stooping over digging the sand two shots rang out, the woman told the police, and Kennedy fell at her feet. She screamed for help after she had caught his dying words, "Good night, Madalynne."

**Drive Away in Machine.**  
A neighbor said she saw two men drive away in an automobile at the moment the shots were fired and the police today discovered a clump of broken bushes a few yards from where Kennedy fell. The man's head was shattered with a bullet from a gun charge. A revolver was found by his side and Mrs. Obenchain said she had seen it.

The young woman, although only twenty years old, had been married some years ago while a student at Northwestern University. She was held today as a witness. She told the police she was wholly unable to explain the shooting, but she was planning to marry Kennedy, having obtained a divorce for that reason, and she said the shooting had delayed because his family objected.

She asserted, according to police, that she had been on friendly terms with her former husband, who lives in Chicago, and that he had not opposed her divorce because he felt she would have had a better life.

**Taken to Scene of Shooting.**  
Today, at her own request, Mrs. Obenchain was taken to the scene of the shooting. She told the sheriff she thought she saw the man who shot Kennedy on the affair if she could go over the ground, but she made no discovery that would help solve the slaying, the police said.

Volunteer witnesses brought various stories of Kennedy's recent life to the police, and they were being investigated, although received with little hope that they would lead to a solution.

An inquest over the body of Kennedy will be held, it was announced, and the case will await completion of preliminary inquiries.

Examination of Kennedy's clothing showed he had a number of important papers and a wallet containing \$66. Several articles of jewelry worn by him had not been disturbed.

Police records here show that Kennedy was attacked and beaten on a street about four years ago by two men, who, he said, were strangers to him.

**PRETTIEST GIRL ON CAMPUS.**  
Mrs. Obenchain Became Famous as University Beauty.

CHICAGO, August 6.—Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, who was slain near her cottage in a suburb of Los Angeles today, once was famous in Chicago as "the prettiest girl on campus" of the Northwestern University. She later became the bride of a wealthy attorney, widely known throughout the middle west, Ralph B. Obenchain. She was granted a divorce in 1920.

Mr. Obenchain said today that he could give no explanation of the attack on Kennedy, but he was a good friend of the family. Mrs. Obenchain's mother, who lives in Los Angeles and her father is dead. I have heard from her only indirectly since the divorce and haven't seen her for some time.

"I always loved my former wife," said Mr. Obenchain. "I love her still. No matter what she may have done, I will stand by her always. She has only to send for me and I will go. Her side as fast as a train can take me. I hope she will let me help her in this hour of need."

**SUN-SPOTS AND WEATHER.**  
Subject Happened by Recent Temperature Coincidence.

"Sun-spots and Weather" is the title of an article in the Meteorological Magazine for July by Dr. V. M. Brooks, who makes some interesting suggestions.

It is mentioned that the subject is again opened by the recent development of unusually large sun-spots with associated heat, electrical and magnetic phenomena. A bibliography of the subject is given, and the author says the literature is erroneous, and that the correlation of sun-spots and weather is a matter of mere coincidence. So long ago as 1651 Riccioli claimed that temperature rose with decreasing sun-spots, and vice versa.

The discovery in 1844 of eleven-year periodicity in spots caused a renewal of the study, and in 1873 records of an investigation by Koppen were published, showing that temperature reaches a maximum shortly before spot minimum and a minimum about spot maximum.

A positive correlation of sun-spots with rainfall has been found in the tropics, and also with elements such as lake level and amount of rainfall. A close parallelism has been demonstrated between sun-spots and tropical hurricanes, and Mr. Brooks says that the study of eleven years' wind data in the Falkland Islands reveals that at spot maximum the storminess is greatest.

**DENIES DESERTING WIFE.**  
Husband Declares She Misrepresented Age When Married.

Alleging that he was induced to marry the plaintiff by reason of her statement that she was twenty years of age, when she was only fifteen, the defendant today denied that he at any time deserted her. Keith M. Gaylor, nineteen years old, has filed in the District Supreme Court his answer to the suit of Mrs. Harriett Ann Tupper Gaylor for separate maintenance.

The husband declared his wife refused to perform any housework and cook his meals, and says their marital unhappiness was caused by the interference of the bride's mother. Gaylor has been ordered to show cause Monday why he should not be compelled to pay counsel fees and alimony to the wife. Attorneys Raymond Knickerbocker and Emerson, Jr., represent the husband.

**IS NAMED CHIEF OF BUREAU.**  
Dr. Michael E. Gardner has been appointed chief of bureau of preventable diseases and director of the bacteriological laboratory of the United States public health service.

**OFFERS FIVE FELLOWSHIPS.**  
The School of Mines of the College of Engineering of the University of Alabama offers five fellowships of the value of \$500 in mining and metallurgical research co-operative work with the United States bureau of mines. They have been established for the purpose of undertaking the solution of the problems being studied by the United States bureau of mines, and the offer of the fellowships to the state of Alabama and elsewhere in the south.

## Enters Race for a Seat in United States Senate

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## RACING IMMIGRANT VESSELS AGAIN

Husband Willing to Wipe Slate Clean if Pledges Are Given.

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## What Congress Is Doing

The Senate. BY G. GOULD LINCOLN.

The prohibitionists and the farmers will hold the cent of the stage in the Senate this week, with legislation backed by them in order. In the first place, the anti-beer bill, which has already passed the House, has been made the unfinished business of the Senate, and it is expected that it will be passed, notwithstanding the opposition of the "wet" and senators who hold that the anti-beer bill violates the Constitution, since it exceeds the authority given in the eighteenth amendment.

When the beer bill has been disposed of it is planned to take up the Capper-Tucker anti-gambling bill. What will come after that largely depends upon the wishes of the majority, expressed by President Harding when he returns Washington Tuesday.

The President insists upon the so-called railroad bill, for the funding of the railroad credits through the War Finance Corporation, and asks that it be passed for, with, then all the hopes of a midsummer recess which have been carefully nurtured during the last week and ten days must die.

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## BIDS ARE REQUESTED FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

Henry Ford's Offer Declared Best So Far Received by War Department.

Every industrial establishment and financial company in the United States which might be interested in the purchase of the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate plants and dams has been informed this bid for the project would be welcomed by the War Department. Despite this general invitation, no bid has been received which the government considers comparable to that submitted by Henry Ford.

One or two offers have been received, but were said to be wholly unacceptable. One of these came from a man who said if the government would give him \$50,000,000 he would take over operation of the nitrate plants and guarantee to make "good profits."

Others of the same character have been rejected.

Secretaries Weeks and Hoover recently announced that they expected to receive a bid from a substantial source, but in the absence of the bid, the members acting officials declared today the expected offer had not put in appearance.

Many Prisoners Hauled.

An old attaché, who has seen the yearly haul increase from 2,000 last year to the grand total of 5,222 this year, declared that he has seen many prisoners evince manifest delight over the ride to the court, apparently acting as if, in making the trip, they were "putting it over" on the police.

A glance at the records shows, besides a steady gain in passengers, the fact that the big van experienced no business slumps throughout the past year. During this period the monthly figures are: July, 338; August, 325; September, 389; October, 468; November, 377; December, 359; January, 469; February, 406; March, 497; April, 505; May, 595; June, 522.

The foregoing figures do not give